

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Judicial Resources Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 24-1204 to determine whether, based on the judicial workload statistics, a judicial vacancy exists in the office of county judge of the 12th Judicial District, due to the resignation of the Honorable Thomas H. Dorwart, effective January 30, 2006, and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court as to the principal place of office of said vacancy.

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., central time. The hearing will be held in the Lincoln Executive Building, Suite 103, 521 South 14th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, and will include participation from the Panhandle Education Center, High Plains room, 4502 Ave. I, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and from the State Office Building, Rm. 207, 2nd Floor, 1313 Farnam Street, in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Commission makes its determination based on weighted caseloads, adequate access to the courts by litigants, population, judicial duties, travel time and other factors necessary to assure efficiency and service of the court system.

Following the hearing, the commission will make a recommendation to the Legislature of their determination.

Commission members are:

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Any member of the public is entitled to attend the Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission hearing at the Lincoln Executive Building, Suite 103, 521 South 14th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, and present, either orally or in writing, any pertinent information concerning the existence of a judicial vacancy. If anyone wishes to present written material at the hearing, a copy of such material should be furnished to the Chairperson at least one week prior to the hearing.

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